

FISCAL NOTE

May 19, 2020

Bill No:	SB 959	Printer's No:	1650	Sponsor:	Bartolotta (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2019-20	2020-21
General Fund	\$6.088 million	\$6.088 million

SUMMARY: This bill provides for Medical Assistance (MA) payments for institutional care.

ANALYSIS: SB 959 establishes an additional annual payment of \$130 per eligible Medicaid ventilator or tracheostomy day shall be paid to qualified MA nonpublic and county nursing facilities on a quarterly basis on behalf of eligible persons whose institutional care is prescribed by physicians under both the Fee-for-Service Program (FFS) and the Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Program.

For qualifying facilities, the quarterly payment shall equal the additional supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care per diem multiplied by the number of eligible days.

The additional supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care per diem shall equal either (1) the number of MA recipient residents who receive necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care divided by total MA recipient residents multiplied by 130 as identified in the facility's most recently available Picture Date CMI Report, or (2) shall be calculated for each quarter as if the November 1, 2019, Picture Date CMI Report were the facility's most recently available, based on eligibility.

The Department of Human Services shall publish the information contained in the Supplemental Ventilator Care and Tracheostomy Care Payments file on its website.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 959 carries an annual fiscal impact of \$12.737 million (\$6.088 million in state funds) in 2019-20 and in the out years for additional payments for approximately eight qualifying facilities.

The supplemental ventilator and tracheostomy payments that existed under FFS were included in the rates during development for Community Health Choices implementation. Under FFS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not allow payment processing based on Managed Care days; the payment would either be significantly reduced and based solely on FFS days or it would be a state only payment based on all days.